

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**V.**

**NINETEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100  
DOLLARS (\$19,000.00) IN UNITED  
STATES CURRENCY,**

**Defendant.**

[illegible]

**Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-323**  
**JUDGE SMITH**  
**Magistrate Judge Kemp**

## **DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND DECREE OF FORFEITURE**

This cause came before the Court on Plaintiff’s Motion for Default Judgment and Decree of Forfeiture (Doc. 10). After a thorough review of the record, the Court finds:

1. On April 12, 2016, Plaintiff, the United States of America, filed a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture (Doc. 1) alleging that the Defendant Currency was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances, or represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate the trafficking of a controlled substance, in violation of Subchapter I of Chapter 13 of Title 21, and is therefore forfeitable pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6);
2. The aforementioned Complaint contained a verified statement that established probable cause to believe the allegations set forth in the Complaint;
3. Process was duly issued herein and returned according to law;
4. Notice of the seizure of the Defendant Currency was given according to law;
5. The default of Cassandra Hampton and Heath Steele for failure to plead or otherwise defend as required by law was entered by the Clerk (Doc. 9);

6. Any other claimants have failed to come forward to timely file herein any claim or other pleading within the time fixed by law;

7. The allegations of the Verified Complaint are taken as admitted; and

8. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1345 and § 1355.

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the above findings, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the matter, it is hereby: **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. The Defendant Currency represents proceeds or was used to facilitate one or more violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841 *et seq.*, said violation being trafficking in controlled substances, and is therefore forfeitable to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), and that the Defendant Currency, described as:

**Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,000.00) in United States Currency**

is hereby FORFEITED to the United States of America pursuant 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).

2. All other claims and interest in and to said property are forever barred and that no right, title, or interest in the Defendant Currency shall exist in any party other than the United States of America.

3. That the United States Marshals Service shall dispose of the forfeited property as proved by law.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of July, 2016.

s/ George C. Smith  
**HONORABLE GEORGE C. SMITH**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**